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### **JUDGE VAN DYKE AND JUDGE WEST NAMED PRESIDING JUDGES IN SECOND DISTRICT COURT**

**Ogden, Utah**—Judge W. Brent West has been named the presiding judge in Second District Court for a two-year term effective July 1, 2004. Judge West replaces Judge Rodney Page who completed his term as presiding judge. In addition, Judge Stephen A. Van Dyke has been named the presiding judge in Second District Juvenile Court. Judge Van Dyke replaces Judge Kathleen M. Nelson who completed her term as presiding judge. The Second Judicial District serves Davis, Morgan, and Weber counties.

Gov. Scott Matheson appointed Judge West to the Second Circuit Court in April 1984. Judge West received his law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1975 and was in private practice from 1976 through 1979. He served as assistant corporate counsel, assistant city attorney, and chief prosecutor for Ogden City from 1976 until his appointment to the bench. Judge West is a former member of the Utah Judicial Council and currently serves as chair of the Collections/Warrants Ad Hoc Committee. He is a member of the Rex E. Lee Inns of Courts. Judge West received the Circuit Court Judge of the Year Award in 1989, the Friend of the Court Award—Justice Court—in 1991, and Judge of the Year Award in 1997.

Gov. Norm Bangerter appointed Judge Van Dyke to the Second District Juvenile Courts in July 1985. Judge Van Dyke is a 1980 graduate of the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University and is a member of the Law Review. Judge Van Dyke is a former member of the Judicial Council and a past chair of the Board of Juvenile Court Judges. He has served on the State Master Planning Task Force for Judicial Facilities and the Master Planning Task Force for Youth Corrections, as well as the Task Force on Youth at Risk.

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